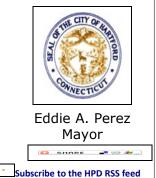


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Hartford Police and Bloomfield Police Make Arrest in Weekend Sexual Assault

Hartford, Conn. - On Saturday December 12, 2009, Hartford Police officers responded to an area hospital on a report of sexual assault. Two female victims reported that at approximately 1:00 am they were in their parked car in the area of Club 960, located at 960 Main Street, when a black male armed with a knife entered their car and ordered them at knife point to drive away from the area. The man later identified as Jenoy Ellison (10/21/81) of 161 Ridgefield Street, Hartford directed them to a building that was later determined to be in Bloomfield Connecticut where he locked the female operator in the trunk of the car and sexually assaulted the female passenger. After several hours, Ellison allowed the two females to drive away and they immediately drove to a local hospital and reported the incident.

Detectives from the Hartford Police Department's Major Crimes Division and Evidentiary Services Division, working with officers from the Bloomfield Police Department, located a crime scene at 37 Tobey Street in Bloomfield. As a result of the investigation Ellison was arrested and charged jointly by the Hartford Police Department and the Bloomfield Police Department with two counts of Kidnapping in the First Degree and one count of Sexual Assault in the First Degree. He is currently in custody and being held on a \$850,000.00 bond.

In commenting on this incident, Hartford Police Chief Daryl K. Roberts stated: "What happened to these 2 young women is a horrible tragedy and my thoughts and prayers are with both of them and their families. However, this incident is not part of any trend in the downtown area. The Hartford Police Department and the Bloomfield Police Department worked together to bring this matter to a quick resolution and successfully removed a violent criminal from ours streets. As part of our Neighborhood Policing Plan, the Hartford Police Department has consistently increased our uniformed presence in the entertainment district to ensure the safety of all our residents and all those who visit our City."

Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact Sergeant Brandon O'Brien of the Hartford Police Department's Major Crimes Division at 860-757-4089 or to call the Hartford Crime Stoppers Tip Line at 860-722-TIPS (8477).

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